

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph [0002] (of the English translation of the as-filed PCT application) with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0002] Portable data carriers that have a virtual machine for executing programs are known, for example, under the trademark *Java Card*TM. Such data carriers are described in Chapter 5.10.2 of the book “Handbuch der Chipkarten” by W. Rankl and W. Effing, Hanser Verlag, 3rd edition, 1999, pages 261 to 281. A detailed specification of the *Java Card* standard, the virtual machine JCVM (*Java Card Virtual Machine*) used therewith and of the programs (*Java Card Applets*) that are executed is to be found on the Internet pages of the company Sun Microsystems, Inc., at <http://java.sun.com/products/javacard> <java.sun.com/products/javacard>.